

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 1 and 13. Accordingly, claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Windows 98 Explorer screendumps, 1998, fig. 1-8 (Windows 98). In the Office Action, the Examiner equates *textual strings* of Windows 98 with *string object information* as claimed in Claims 1 and 13. However, textual strings comprise simple text strings, e.g., as represented by a Unicode character encoding. String object information, in contrast, comprises a compound object containing more than just a text string. One example of a string object information is a Chinese character that can be classified according to several principles, such as stroke count or stroke order. These characteristics of a string object information cannot be coded into any known standard such as Unicode and hence are qualitatively different from textual strings. Thus, "string object information" is not implemented in Windows 98 and hence cannot be equated to simple textual strings. In order to emphasize the foregoing distinction, the Applicants have amended claims 1 and 13 to better distinguish the claimed invention from Windows 98. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 and 26-19 depend from amended claim 1 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 1. Claims 14-25 and 30-33 depend from amended claim 13 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 13. Therefore, the allowance of claims 1-33 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-33.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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